Judy's

Teen-Topics

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1 HAT... 3 TRIMS

with an Easter Twinkle

Trim it with flowers, fringe, or ribbon. Turn the brim up or down. Wear it with a twinkle in your eye. It's fetching!

1 BAG

Fly nimble fingers! Crochet this cute hat & bag from 2 folds of crepe paper. Directions? Write for Leaflet No. J93-A (3¢).

Crepe paper crocheted looks like straw. Rain? Won't melt it. Deep colors will run in a deluge. Light colors, OK.

For You to Make Yourself for about 30¢

Things to do • Things to Make • fads • good looks. FUN!

you can keep the ball rolling

at parties with these stunts . . . good for April (and more) Fools

Smooth cookie — the gal who can toss in a stunt when a party shows signs of bogging down. Super smooth cookie — the gal who does it in an easy, off-hand, take-it-or-leave-it way. You? Try these.

Rattle-Brain Stand before one of the kids. Point to your ear and say "this is my foot." Before you can count 10, the guy or gal must point to his foot and say "this is my ear." Fun! Seat the kids in a circle, proceed from one to another. Count loud and fast to rattle them. Natch! Change your words, substituting other parts of the body or articles of clothing as you stand before each kid in turn.

Pun-for-Fun Excuse my childishness, but honest! these are funny. *Swimming Match* Ask the kids if they want to see a swimming match. Lead them to a bowl of water. Swish it around. Drop in a match. (Well! Watch it swim!) *Hairless Dog* Kids want to see this strange crittur? Lead them to a hidden plate on which you've placed a frankfurter. (I'm sorry!) *Phony Bets* "Bet I can drop a lump of sugar into a cup of coffee without wetting it" . . . Drop it into a cup of uncooked coffee. (Can you think up more phony bets? Fun for April Fooling.)

Portrait Got a camera-expert in your crowd? Yes? Ask him to offer to take a picture of one of the kids. (Select the usual willing victim of your gang's gags.) Camera-ex. seats victim in chair after secretly smearing his own hands with charcoal. As he poses the victim, he (ah! such a great artiste!) turns victim's head this way and that. Must get the perfect angle. At last, picture's taken. "Want to see your photo?" Hands victim mirror.

High-Stepper Again select Willing Willy, cheerful butt of nuts in your crowd. Arrange a row of milk bottles, water filled, on the floor. Tell Willing Willy that if, blindfolded, he can step between each bottle without knocking one over, he'll get a prize. Blindfold him. Remove bottles. Prompt the gals to gasp and squeak as he progresses along his daring route. Remove blindfold. (Quick! Catch the victim.)

Earthquake The more who get in on this, the better. Put a big jar of cold cream, or anything, in the middle of the floor. Tell the kids you're going to play earthquake. Instruct them to form a wide circle around the cold cream and with arms extended to touch each other's fingers over the cold cream. (Avoid using the word "jar." See sketch of circle and hands?)

When all fingers, two from each hand is best, are touching in the circle's center, order the gang, "now slowly, slowly, stoop . . . stoop . . . stoop." When the stooping has almost reached the floor, the fingers will touch the cold cream jar. Comes now your gag. Pertly you ask, "did you feel the jar?" . . . (Now, run for your life!)

Easter Clothes Ideas

This is a serious page. Very serious, for I know — how well! — that clothes can set you up, or pull you down. Mood, rosy or blue. So, let's skip joking and settle down for some plain talk.

First of all, your clothes must be Appropriate if you want to be well dressed. That's A-1. Since, alas!, money doesn't grow on trees, that means you must THINK. For example, that cute playsuit. You're mad about it; but, if a dress for Sunday School must be selected too, perhaps a simple cover-up cotton will be your choice. It can go to a weenie roast and, plus a hat, to church, too. Lovable little two-faced number! Think about those two-and-more-faced numbers when you're selecting ready-mades or patterns.

Edith Head, designer for Hollywood's famous, says: "Simplicity is the keynote of smartness." Right for you — and for actresses. Beware of fussy clothes. Priced high or low, they usually look cheap.

Dial your eyes, when you're purring over new duds, in stores or mags, toward these 3 Big Lines: (1) neckline; (2) waistline; (3) skirt lines. Is that neckline becoming to *you?* Does that waistline improve *yours?* Does that skirt have lines that flatter *your* grace, *your* posture, *your* weight?

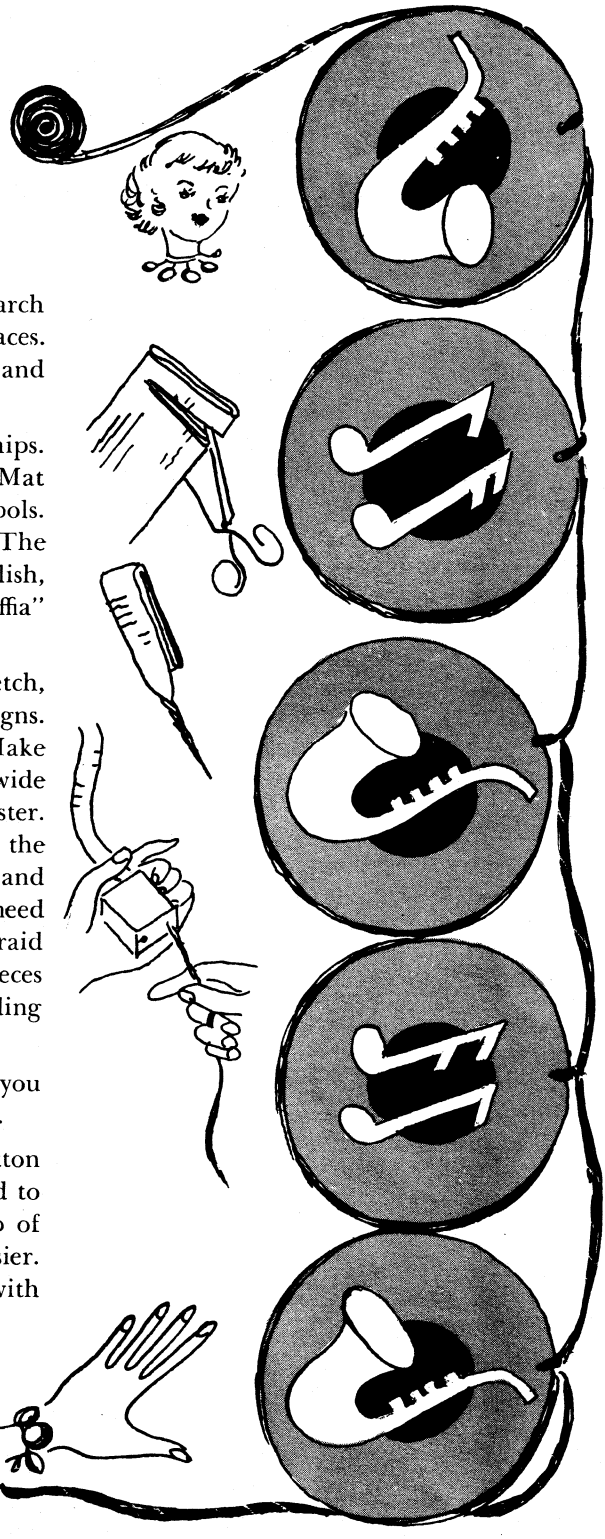
Don't buy clothes because they look cute on Ethel, Joan, or Lorna. You've a personality. Dress to maintain it. Even famously dressed women, like Ilka Chase, admit that they often sigh to themselves, "Now why didn't *I* wear a dress like hers?" So, if Ethel's new dress deflates pride in yours, don't worry! It's the female in you!

Sourish-but-soundish climax! Clothes don't have to be new; but, they must be *appropriate, clean* and *neat* . . . Don't be a damsel in distress; be a damsel well-dressed!

Spring Bedroom Idea

Brain storm! Key-ute baskets of soda straws filled with pert paper flowers. Darling to hang on your dream walls! Fascinating to make. . . . Making paper flowers — you can't dream what fun! To show you how there's a keen new book,"How to Make Flowers with Dennison Crepe." (25¢ and *loads* for your money.) FREE to you, with or without the book, directions for making these bedroom baskets. Write for Leaflet No. J93-B. (Want book too?)

OUR CRAFT CLUB CORNER



Here we come a-be-bopping! For March our gals make the cutest be-bop necklaces. Hot stuff — in platter-like red, white, and black for the dizzie crowd.

The circles are red game (or poker) chips. Pasted on top are circles of black Mat Stock and white Mat Stock music symbols. (Mat Stock's light weight cardboard.) The chips, coated with colorless nail polish, are strung on a cord of black crepe "raffia" braided.

What directions do you need? The sketch, right, is life size, so trace your designs. Pierce holes in chips with ice pick. Make "raffia" from crepe paper cut ¼-inch wide and pulled through a Crepe Paper Twister. The 3 little sketches show how to cut the paper across the grain (important), and how to twist, stretch, and pull it. You need 2 yards. Cut it into 3 24-inch pieces. Braid 4 inches. Poke 1 of your 3 braiding pieces through a hole in chip, then start braiding again close to chip.

Yep! crafty gal, that's the easy way you string your chips, all 5, to the necklace.

What more? Make loop at one end, button at other. Paste braid around-and-around to form button, then paste button on top of cord. Why? To make buttoning easier. Sketch shows how loop is wrapped with "raffia."

See you in April!

DO YOU LOVE

your secret dream life? OR

whose leading lady are you?

Come on, now, tell us! Is he Roy Rogers, Gene Autrey, or that boy in the grade above you? Of course you have a Dream Hero and you spend hours dreaming about him. Everybody does. But — we want to remind you of Annie Oakley's song.

Annie Oakley (real, from Cincinnati, Ohio) was known as Little Sure Shot. So accurate was she with her gun that Kaiser Wilhelm, when she was playing Berlin, suggested that she shoot the ashes from his cigarette. Annie took aim, fired, and bang!, off came the ashes.

Annie Oakley (make-believe, Ethel Merman in the musical Annie Get Your Gun) sings a song, "Oh, You Can't Get a Man with a Gun."

Do you think you can get one with a dream? Well, you can't. Girls who take their fun in dreaming often wake up to find that the other girls are having all the fun.

But you're shy! That's it! It's fun dreaming of that cute fella, but when you see him your heart jigs, and your tongue freezes. If only they'd reverse their behavior! What you want is a jigging tongue and a warm heart.

Well here are some tips on how to get the j. tongue, w. heart, and fun with boys.

Chatter skill comes with experience. Practice makes prattle. Honest! Practice on others, on boys who — like you — are shy. And that's where you warm up your heart. Boys are notoriously shy. Can you put them at ease? Talk to them. Help them find their tongues and — prize package! — you'll find your own.

What can you talk about? Interests that you share and (oh, so flattering!) *his* interests. "Do you go in for sports?" "I hear you take wonderful pictures. Do you develop your films?" Once you've found what his interests are, get wise to them. Do some cramming, then you can listen because you're genuinely interested, not just because you're polite. That boy will get the difference!

If the boy has no special interests, poor lamb, talk about the interests you share: school, teachers, studies; movies, bands, records; teams, games, gripes.

Another recipe for changing dreams of popularity into the real thing: learn to do things. Boys like girls who can do things. Can you play tennis, skate, dance; roast a good hot dog; swim, suggest games and stunts at a party? (See P. 2)

Still another recipe: join a school club — glee club, current events, any co-ed group. You'll meet boys there on a free-and-easy basis. Nothing stuffy! Join heartily in the club's doings. (Why! were *you* ever a Dreamy Dodo?) Dreams are OK, but a telephone call from a boy (yes, even a Mortimer S.) is the Real McCoy!

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Jean L., Mass. makes gay stickpins for party foods. Marvelous idea! She sandwiches a toothpick between two holiday gummed seals. See sketch? Shamrock-topped toothpick in a St. Patrick's Day cupcake . . . What fun! Toothpicks with hearts, Easter bunnies, flags — in ice cream, sandwiches, fruit! Ideas galore!

Elaine G., Mo. decals her boots. "Purty!" Adhesive tape initials? Cute, useful too.

Arlene Y., Pa. drapes her jewelry around calendar that hangs in her bedroom. Swish! So feminine!

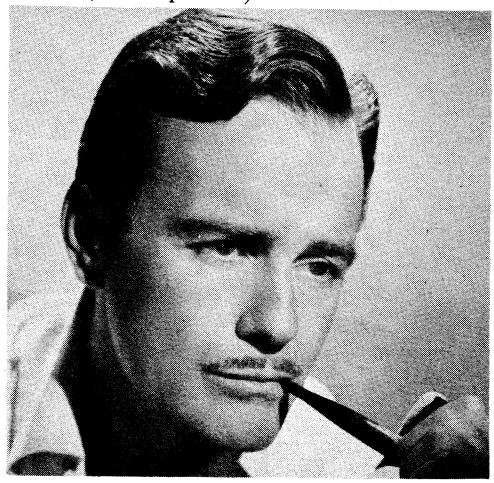
Ruth S., N. Y. pastes stamps on cardboard, pastes cardboard to earring clips, and — voila! — cute earrings!

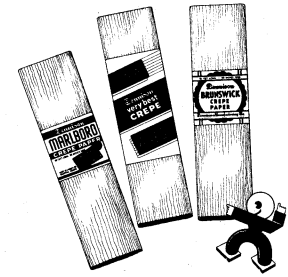
Muriel M., N. Y. turns bricks into book ends by painting and decorating them. Colored tape, stickers, seals, shells for cute designs!

Eunice S., Ontario pastes pals' pictures on milk bottle tops, strings them on ribbon. A sentimental necklace. Keen stuff!

Corrie T., Maine dresses up dime store note paper with decals for more-than-you-paid-for-it gifts! (Pretty, too: gummed seals.)

★ *Ever try to judge a boy by his hobbies? Lew Ayers goes in for astronomy, minerology, meteorology. Predicts weather scientifically. . . . Now isn't that like-the-Lew-we-like? (Warner Bros., thanks for the picture!)*





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St. Patrick's Day fun coming! For dances, green and white Dennison crepe — gay, giddy, Irish! For home parties, green and white table covers, curtain tie-backs, mantel drapes! Crepe paper — for fun!

Loads and loads of girls gave Judy's Teen-Topics for Christmas presents. Hint: "What will make a swell Easter Present for 25¢?" . . . Judy tucks in a pretty gift card from you. Slick!

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